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The Honorable Wynona M. Lipman
Assemblywoman, State of New Jersey
50 Park Place - Suite 938
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Dear Assemblywoman Lipman:

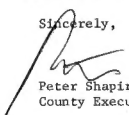
It has come to my attention that you will soon be addressing Assembly Bill No. 899, sponsored by Byron Baer. This bill, which is the descendant of one I sponsored in 1977, would seek to insure the integrity of New Jersey's regulatory process.

It would require that senior employees who exercise substantial discretionary authority in state regulatory agencies wait two years after they leave state employment before they take a job in a business they regulated. This would apply to officials in agencies like the Departments of Banking, Energy, and Insurance, and the Board of Public Utilities. A similar provision exists already with regard to state employees who regulate the casino industry.

The idea is a simple one. Our regulatory officials have a hard time maintaining their objectivity if they are thinking that the business they are regulating may be about to offer them a job. A two-year wait would obviously remedy what can already become an appearance of impropriety.

I urge you to support the bill when it is called up for a vote.

Sincerely,


Peter Shapiro
County Executive

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